

REMARKS

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/583,979, now allowed.

The specification has been amended to make specific reference to the parent application. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1 to 27 were cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 28 to 31 have been newly added, all of which are independent. Favorable review and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,734,685
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,204,887
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 5,285,448
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,444,758
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,448,612
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,835,560
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,930,324
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,081,581
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 6,160,865
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 6,385,497

Document (10) was cited in prior parent Application No. 09/583,979 as U.S. Patent Application No. 08/902,160 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,385,497, on May 7, 2002, and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there. The Examiner is respectfully directed to the Patent and Trademark Office files for review of this document. See MPEP § 609. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the attached form PTO-1449.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

CONCULSION

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